

# From the Upper Chamber



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## Report for Thursday, February 16, 2006

The twentieth day of the 2006 legislative session was called to order by Lieutenant Governor **Mark Taylor**.

Senator **Don Balfour** of the 9<sup>th</sup> stated that the journal had been read and was found to be correct.

Senate Bills 554-570; Senate Resolutions 873-876, 937, 938; and House Bills 560, 661, 724, 955, 1032, 1157, 1182, 1211, 1226 and 1425 were read for the first time and assigned to their respective Committees.

Following the reports of Standing Committees and the second reading of Bills and Resolutions, the morning roll call was then taken.

Lt. Gov. **Taylor** then recognized Sen. **Jeff Mullis** of the 53<sup>rd</sup> to lead the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sen. **Mullis** introduced the *Chaplain of the Day*, Pastor **Paul O'Neal** of Shiloh Baptist Church in Rossville, who led the Senate in the daily devotional.

President Pro Tempore **Eric Johnson** of the 1<sup>st</sup> moved that pursuant to Senate Rule 8-1.8 that the Senate change the order of business to move directly to the third reading of bills and resolutions.

The Local Consent Calendar, consisting of SB 518 and 519, passed by a vote of 44 to 0.

The Secretary then read SR 700, and Sen. **Bill Hamrick** of the 30<sup>th</sup> took the well to present the measure, which creates and continues the Juvenile Law Commission.

SR 700 was adopted by a vote of 46 to 0.

SR 785 was read, and Sen. **Johnson** took the well to explain the resolution, which creates a Joint Comprehensive State Trauma Services Study Committee. He yielded to questions from Sen. **Renee Unterman** of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

SR 785 was adopted by a vote of 47 to 0.

Sen. **Judson Hill** of the 32<sup>nd</sup> was recognized to introduce the *Doctor of the Day*, Dr. **Susan Glander** of Atlanta.

The Secretary then read SB 436, which changes certain provisions relating to meetings of the State Board of Technical and Adult Education. Sen. **Johnny Grant** of the 25<sup>th</sup> took the well to present the bill.

SB 436 passed by a vote of 46 to 0.

SB 507, which is designed to attract physicians to rural areas by revising provisions regarding priority for certain specialties was read. Sen. **Don Thomas** of the 54<sup>th</sup> took the well to explain the bill.

SB 507 passed by a vote of 50 to 0.

Sen. **Bill Heath** of the 31<sup>st</sup> moved that SB 335 be withdrawn from the Judiciary Committee and committed to the Transportation Committee. Without objection, the motion carried.

Sen. **Johnson** moved that the Senate stand in recess in order to insist on the Senate position on SB 1026, the FY2006 Amended Budget, and that at the appropriate time, a committee of conference be appointed consisting of Sens. **Tommie Williams** of the 19<sup>th</sup>, **Jack Hill** of the 4<sup>th</sup> and **Bill Stephens** of the 27<sup>th</sup>.

SR 874-876, 937 and 938 were read and adopted.

The Local Consent Calendar of Privileged Resolutions, consisting of SR 877-936, was adopted.

Majority Leader **Williams** then moved that pursuant to HR 1344, the Senate stand in recess until 5 p.m., and then adjourn until Tuesday, February 21 at 1:00 p.m. Following the announcements, the motion carried and the Senate stood adjourned.

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